

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 095-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: April 23, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge M. Gonzalez".

Subject: CWA PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

The purpose of this LTC is to share with you a Freedom of Information request filed recently by the Communications Workers of America (CWA), (see attached). It is important for you to note the types of unnecessary, time consuming requests and practices the CWA engages in while the City is working diligently and in good faith to reach a mutually acceptable Collective Bargaining Agreement. Since the start of negotiations on June 26, 2003, CWA has filed fifteen (15) public records requests, filed twenty (20) grievances, and has twenty three (23) pending arbitrations.

While the City has engaged in seven (7) collective bargaining sessions with CWA, the tone and progress level of these negotiations has been much less cooperative and flexible than the sessions with Police, Fire and GSA.

The City will continue to work diligently and cooperatively with the CWA to reach an agreement as soon as possible. The City has requested additional meeting dates to continue negotiations with CWA, and is currently awaiting their response.

If you have any further questions, please call me.

Thank you.

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cc: Ramiro Inguanzo, Chief of Staff
Christina Cuervo, Assistant City Manager
Linda Gonzalez, Labor Relations Division Director
Tim Hemstreet, CIP Director
Robert Parcher, City Clerk
Trish Walker, Chief Financial Officer



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To: Lind Gonzalez
From: Joe Fisher C.W.A. Vice - President
Subject: Request for Information
Date: 03-09-04

The Union is requesting the following information.

1. A copy of all documents concerning the Colony Theater renovation project. *CIP # 12.D.A*
2. A copy of all documents concerning the fire station improvement bond fund. *CIP*
3. A copy of all documents concerning the rail system, (from Miami to Miami Beach) *transcript*
4. A copy of all documents concerning the property management's new building bond fund. *CIP/France*
5. A copy of all documents concerning the City of Miami Beach's bond rating (including who rates the bonds and who sells them) *France*
6. A list of projects that have been approved by the Miami Beach Mayor and commissioners for the last four years. *City Clerk*

Be advised that this request is made pursuant to the public records act, the public employees relations (PERC) act, which entitles the union not only to preexisting documents but also information responsive to specific request, and the Miami Beach citizen's bills of rights.

For the purposes of this request, " documents" include memoranda, letters, notes (whether typed or handwritten) work sheets, e-mail, audio tapes, transcripts, work papers, regardless of whether they are kept in computerized format only or on paper or other medium. If there is no document responsive to a particular request, please advise me of that fact. In the event the city intends to charge the union any cost pertaining to this request , I am also requesting an itemized bill including the identity of the work performed by that employee in responding to this request .

Thank you,

Joseph Fisher, C.W.A. Vice - President

Once the requested documents are ready, please contact me at 305-673-7750 so that we may make arrangements to have someone pick up the material and pay the appropriate copying cost. Should you have any questions about the scope or the material requested, or require clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

Received on 4/13/04
from CWA